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FOR A.S. FRIEDMAN AND J. LIVERMAN, FROM YOUNG

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SUBJECT: ENGLISH JOURNAL OF JAPAN INTERVIEW WITH TAMPLIN

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1. RECENTLY THE ENGLISH JOURNAL INTERVIEWED DR. ARTHUR TAMPLIN ON THE SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR POWER. THE ENGLISH JOURNAL IS AN ENGLISH VOICE RECORDED CASSETTE JOURNAL PUBLISHED IN JAPAN, WITH ACCOMPANYING PRINTED TEXT IN ENGLISH AND JAPANESE. REPORTER WHO INTERVIEWED TAMPLIN IS ALSO PART TIME EMPLOYEE OF JAPAN TIMES, TOKYO DAILY NEWSPAPER AND HAS STRONG ANTI-NUCLEAR BIAS.

2. TAPLIN DOES NOT DISCUSS BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF RADIATION TO ANY TECHNICAL EXTENT, BUT DEVOTES MOST COMMENTS TO INADEQUACY OF US SAFEGUARDS ON PU AND HEU, LACK OF RELIABILITY OF US LWR'S AND POOR OPERATING EXPERIENCE OF LWR'S IN US AND JAPAN. HE MAKES SEVERAL ILL-INFOMED COMMENTS ABOUT TRAINING OF JAPANESE HEALTH PHYSICISTS AND SAYS THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY, ON BASIS OF US EXPERIENCE IN CLEANUPS AT NFS WEST VALLEY PLANT, FOR JAPAN TO DRAFT "RADIOLOGICAL CORPS" TO MAKE FUTURE CLEANUPS AT TOKAI REPROCESSING PLANT. TO
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HIS CREDIT, HE DISCOUNTS EASE OF DESIGNING AND BUILDING

NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3. IN VIEW OF NATURE OF INTERVIEW (WHICH FOLLOWED PUBLIC
SPEECH MADE BY TAMPLIN), IT APPEARS THAT DR. EDDINGTON IS
NOT APPROPRIATE PERSON TO RECORD REBUTTAL. EDDINGTON
AGREES. AFTER ERDA HAS LISTENED TO TAPE, IT CAN DECIDE
BEST THE PROPER PERSON IN GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE SECTOR WHO
MIGHT RESPOND BY CORRECTING INACCURACIES OR MISSTATEMENTS.
SCICOUNS DID MENTION TO ASSISTANT EDITOR KUWAHARA OF ENGLISH
JOURNAL THAT RALPH LAPP MIGHT BE GOOD PERSON IN PRIVATE
SECTOR.
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